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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards –
Southern Region and Mid-Hudson Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: June 28 2005

RE: Empire Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield Hospital Network

This memo is a follow-up to previous correspondence regarding Empire Plan participation of three hospitals associated with Bon Secours Charity Health System (namely, Good Samaritan Hospital/Suffern, NY; Bon Secours Community Hospital/Port Jervis, NY; and St. Anthony Community Hospital/Warwick, NY).

The hospitals have been negotiating with Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield for months and was due to drop out of the network effective July 1st. Fortunately, the hospitals have reached an agreement with the Plan and will continue to be participants in the network.

Should you have any questions in regard to the above, feel free to contact me at NYSCOPBA, extension 236.

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Attachments

cc: NYSCOPBA Jt. Committee on Health Benefits
NYSCOPBA Executive Board